[Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(cont.)*]

(c) Please see statement appended. *(Appendix I).*

(d) Not known.

(e) Chingam 1122: 4,454 lbs. Thulam 1122: 3,867 lbs.
Kanni „ 4,369 „ Vrischigam „ 4,127 lbs.

APPLICATIONS TO START KURIES—PARTICULARS REGARDING

465. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many applications were received by the Government for sanction to start kuries from 1—1—1121;

(b) how many were sanctioned and how many were refused;

(c) how many of those applications were from private persons and how many from private companies;

(d) were not those applicants who were not given sanction prepared to furnish security for the required amount?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):*

(a) 130.

(b) 86 applications were sanctioned. 25 applications were refused (inclusive of those which were returned for satisfying certain conditions and those which were withdrawn by the applicants). 19 are under consideration of Government.

(c) From private persons 10 From unincorporated Companies,
From Limited Companies 94 Co-operative Societies, etc. 26

(d) Of the applications which were refused sanction, the applicants in respect of three of them were prepared to furnish immoveable property as Security under Section 13 of the Kuries Act.

BISCUITS FOR SALE—FOOD SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

466. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industries):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the Food Supply Department purchased large quantity of biscuits for sale;

(b) if so, from whom was it purchased;

(c) what is the total quantity purchased;

(d) what is the cost price;

(e) through which agency the sale is conducted;

(f) what is the selling price;

(g) is it a fact that owners of Hotels and Restaurants and Bakery, etc, are given their quota of rice, flour and other articles only on the understanding that they should take a fixed quantity of biscuits also?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(a) Yes.

(b) From the India Government.

(c) Gross weight Cwts. 1000-0-14.

(d) The final bill is awaited from the India Government. Roughly the C. I. F. price for packet of 7 Oz. will come to nearly five annas.

(e) Through bakeries and merchants.

(f) 5 annas in wholesale and 6 annas in retail for 1 packet of 7 Oz.

(g) Bakers have been asked to purchase biscuits to the extent of 50 per cent of the weight of maida supplied to them. Hotels were allowed the option of buying biscuits instead of the compulsory portion of wheat.

ALAGAPPA TEXTILES—STRIKE IN

467. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware of a strike in Alagappa Textiles Ltd;

(b) whether they received notice of the strike from the workers or their union;

(c) when did they receive the notice;

(d) what was the provocation for the strike;

(e) what were the demands put forth by the workers on which the strike was launched;

(f) will they be pleased to place a copy of the notice of strike which the Government received from the workers or their Union;

(g) why was not the dispute referred to an adjudicator as in the case of the dispute between the workers and management of the Tata Oil Mills Co. Ltd., Ernakulam;

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